

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 4/24/2008, with respect to claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-28 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David R. Kemeny (Reg. No. 57,241) on 7/16/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

(Please note that deleted words are shown in strikethrough and added words are shown in underline).

In **claim 23**: in the last 2 lines of this claim, "to hold the corrector at the position in the correction disabled state during a movement of the flash device." has been amended to read as -- to hold the corrector at ~~the~~ a position in the correction disabled state during ~~a~~ the movement of the flash device. --.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-28 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 26, the reason for allowance was stated in the previous office action mailed 2/6/2008 for the dependent claim 4.

Regarding independent claim 18, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest the combination of all limitations of claim 18 that includes **"a controller that controls the corrector so as to move the corrector toward an optical axis of the photographing optical system and hold the corrector at a constant position during a movement of the flash device to the first position in the correction disabled state by supplying power to the corrector."**

Regarding independent claim 23, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest the combination of all limitations of claim 23 that includes **"supplying power to the corrector to move the corrector to the position relating to the optical axis and to hold the corrector at a position in the correction disabled state during the movement of the flash device."**

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NHAN T. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)272-7371. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sinh Tran can be reached on (571) 272-7564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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